

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: pages 2 - 5

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: pages 6 - 10

Attachments: None

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